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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Our Case No. 03-214-A)

In re Application of: )  
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 Bao, et al. )  
 ) Examiner: Martinell, James  
 Serial No.: 10/789,831 )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
 Filed: February 27, 2004 )  
 ) Confirmation No.: 8249  
 For: Label-Free Gene Expression Profiling )  
 With Universal Nanoparticle Probes in )  
 Microarray Assay Format )

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 2, 2006**

Mail Stop AMENDMENTS  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a further fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one month extension of time. If any extension of time not already accounted for is required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

An "Amendment to the Claims" section starts on page 2.

A "Remarks" section starts on page 7.